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Of the town officers for the year ending Feb. 15,1898.

Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897 | $22 39 |
| Total receipts during the year | 3218 34 |
| | $3240 73 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Total disbursements during the year | $2323 21 |
| Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898 | 917 52 |
| | $3240 73 |

DEBT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Assets Feb. 15, 1897 | | $1792 45 |
| Liabilities " " | | 1286 09 |
| Balance in favor of town Feb. 15, 1897 | | $506 36 |
| Assets Feb. 15, 1898 | $1732 92 | |
| Liabilities Feb. 15, 1898 | 1341 15 | |
| Balance in favor of town | | $391 77 |
| Decrease of balance during the year | | $114 59 |

## RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897 | $22 39 |
| Received as follows: | |
| J. H. Keyser, collector 1897 | 1855 83 |
| Railroad tax | 22 47 |
| Literary fund | 23 56 |
| Savings bank tax | 94 65 |
| W. W. Eastman, collector 1896 | 137 51 |
| Dog license | 28 00 |
| County pauper claim March, 1897 | 83 05 |
| " " Sept " | 78 13 |
| W. R. Parks, redemption, 1896 | 228 00 |
| On C. B. Keyser note sold to Ira Whitcher | 150 00 |
| W. R. Parks, redemption 1893 tax and the Winnipiseogee Paper Co. tax | 93 55 |
| G. W. Mann, redemption of F. Hill farm | 5 83 |
| E. C. French, part red'ption homes'd'96 tax | 5 60 |
| Sam. Howe, part red'ption home'sd 1896 tax | 19 60 |
| Frank Shallow, part redemp. E. L. Page place, 1897 | 10 00 |
| L. H. Parker, redemp. J. H. Keyser homestead, 1897 | 40 70 |
| L. H. Parker, J. H. Keyser's note | 89 12 |
| G. W. Mann, redemption on Thomas Cox farm and Spooner lot to date | 65 00 |
| Sam. Howe, cash an note | 187 74 |
| | $3240 73 |

## TOWN ORDERS GIVEN.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1 | C. E. Caswell, printing town reports | $15 | 00 |
| 2 | W. S. Nutter, road agent for April | 13 | 85 |
| 3 | A. E. Tyler, care of C. Pike | 3 | 50 |
| 4 | F. M. Tyler, school supplies | 5 | 82 |
| 5 | W. S. Nutter, road agent for May | 87 | 95 |
| 6 | F. M. Tyler, school board | 200 | 00 |
| 7 | W. S. Nutter, road agent for June | 246 | 15 |
| 8 | " " July | 173 | 39 |
| 9 | F. M. Taylor, repair of sch. houses | 25 | 00 |
| 10 | W. S. Nutter, road agent for August | 84 | 76 |
| 11 | E. B. Mann & Co., goods, C. Pike | 4 | 98 |
| 12 | Geo. Davenport, doctoring " | 37 | 00 |
| 13 | Stickney Brothers, goods " | 7 | 15 |
| 14 | Howe & Gordon, " " | 19 | 25 |
| 15 | George Clark, " " | 6 | 25 |
| 16 | F. M. Tyler, school board, books | 8 | 17 |
| 17 | W. S. Nutter, road agent for Sept. | 38 | 07 |
| 18 | F. M. Tyler, school board | 200 | 00 |
| 19 | W. S. Nutter, road agent, for Oct. | 81 | 34 |
| 20 | " " Nov. | 10 | 38 |
| 21 | Howe & Gordon, goods for C. Pike | 25 | 26 |
| 22 | E. B. Mann & Co., " " | 3 | 00 |
| 23 | " for blanks | 1 | 25 |
| 24 | N. T. Caswell, goods for Al Heath | 4 | 91 |
| 25 | D. H. Tibbetts, " " | 2 | 75 |
| 26 | " use water trough 1 year | 3 | 00 |
| 27 | F. L. Badger, " " | 3 | 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| No. 28 | C. A Veazey, care town library | $12 00 |
| 29 | G. E. Davenport, doctoring C. Pike | 6 50 |
| 30 | J. H. Keyser, col. 1897, abatements | 14 72 |
| 31 | S. J. Hutchins, services as fish and game warden | 50 |
| 32 | Will Hardy, services selectman, 1896 | 6 00 |
| 33 | J. H. Keyser, col. non-res. land sale | 69 34 |
| 34 | " resident " | 44 27 |
| 35 | " town tax | 14 40 |
| 36 | " services as town clerk | 25 00 |
| 37 | Wm. Kendall, library trustee | 15 00 |
| 38 | G. H. Clark, goods for C. Pike | 6 50 |
| 39 | " services as selectman | 21 00 |
| 40 | Dr. Geo. Davenport, returning deaths and births | 1 25 |
| 41 | E. P. Lundervile, doct. Mrs. Heath | 12 00 |
| 42 | O. L. Mann, services as town and district clerk and supervisor | 18 75 |
| 43 | F. M. Tyler, liter'y fund and dog tax | 48 36 |
| 44 | " serv. as school board, truant officer and dog killer | 27 00 |
| 45 | F. M. Tyler, services as selectman | 19 00 |
| 46 | W. S. Nutter, road agent, to Feb 14 | 59 54 |
| 47 | J. H. Keyser, collecting taxes | 35 00 |
| 48 | F. M. Tyler, books and stationery | 10 52 |
| 49 | L. H. Parker, use of water trough | 3 00 |
| 50 | " services as selectman | 26 00 |

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|---|---|
| Paid county tax | $283 30 |
| state tax | 230 00 |
| outstanding orders and interest | 67 84 |

## ASSETS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from Grafton county, goods for C. Pike and Heath | 60 92 |
| W. W. Eastman, collection '96 | 58 54 |
| Alvin Brill, for school houses | 32 44 |
| P. W. Allen, coll. 1885, deed due of F. Hill homestead. The receipts show the tax of said year to be paid, but due from coll. | 30 63 |
| F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm | 22 22 |
| J. H. Keyser, collector 1897 | 81 03 |
| deed by P. W. Allen, collector'85 tax, cost and int. A. Morrill homestead | 35 94 |
| W.W. Eastman, col. '87, lot 41, 3d | 11 15 |
| " " 1888, town of Benton, D. D. Page place | 30 58 |
| W. W. Eastman, collector 1889, F. Hill. C. F. Morrill farm | 14 71 |
| taxed to land D. D. Page farm | 37 75 |
| N. D. Hutchins' homestead | 15 77 |
| W. W. Eastman, col. 1890, W. B. Page, Eben Morse, 1-2 lot 14 G | 1 64 |
| J. H. Keyser, col. 1891, D. D. Page old farm | 6 00 |
| F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm | 7 50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from G. F. Hurlbutt, N. D. Hutchins farm | $6 20 |
| J. H. Keyser, Collector 1892. | |
| Arthur Curtis, 7 acres, F. Hill farm | 2 23 |
| Chas. Eaton, part C. C. Clough farm | 17 94 |
| Town of Benton, part D.D. Page Morrill f'm | 6 11 |
| John Crimmins, 10 acres had of G. W. Chapman | 4 13 |
| J. Crimmins, 5 acres had of J. H. Williams | 3 19 |
| J. H. Keyser Bill, 1893. | |
| Mrs. John Fackney, homestead | 2 07 |
| G. F. Hurlbutt, homestead | 10 14 |
| Town of Benton, D. D. Page, Morrill farm | 7 21 |
| J. H. Keyser, Collector 1894. | |
| John Crimmins, land had of G. W. Chapman and J. M. Williams | 9 46 |
| S. S. Bartlett, E. L. Page farm | 32 35 |
| G. F. Hurlbutt, homestead | 9 88 |
| Town of Benton, D. D. Page, Morrill farm | 6 86 |
| " " 1-2 old Woodard farm, Wm. Tibbetts 1-2 | 11 44 |
| J. H. Keyser, Collector 1895. | |
| A. W. Putnam heirs, pasture land | 5 70 |
| J. B. Lindsey, part Hazen Whitcher farm | 2 96 |
| John Crimmins, Wm. Tibbetts' old farm | 9 57 |
| " land had of G.W. Chapman and J. M. Williams | 8 87 |

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|---|---|
| S. S. Bartlett, Page farm lot 4 | $37 16 |
| Town of Benton, D. D. Page farm | 8 70 |

W. W. Eastman, Collector, 1896.

| | |
|---|---|
| Lewis French, homestead | 14 67 |
| E. C. French, " | 2 49 |
| N. Burke, " | 11 60 |
| G. F. Hurlbutt, " | 6 30 |
| W. W. Eastman, for F. R. Weeks, C. F. Morrill farm | 7 29 |
| Town of Benton, D. D. Page place | 8 96 |
| " Florence Blake place | 3 49 |

J. H. Keyser, Collector, 1897.

| | |
|---|---|
| Theodore Gordon, 10 acres Tyler farm | 2 96 |
| " " 47 " 4 G | |
| J. B. Lindsey 8 " H. Whitcher f'm | 3 12 |
| Glines & Phillips lot 64 G | 5 52 |
| " " 92 | 5 52 |
| " " 2-3 33 | 3 92 |
| " " 1-2 94 | 3 92 |
| Arthur Curtis, 7 acres F. Hill farm | 3 92 |
| S. S. Bartlett, E. L. Page farm | 17 92 |
| " 40 G | 7 02 |
| Town of Benton, D. D. Page farm | 8 00 |
| John Crimmins, 15 acres, land had of G. W. Chapman, J. M. Williams | 7 05 |
| John Crimmins, 1-2 old Woodard farm | 8 65 |
| Mrs. John Fackney, homestead | 8 11 |
| Mrs. B. M. Tyler, " | 10 79 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Napoleon Burke, homestead | $9 67 |
| Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898 | 917 52 |
| | $1732 92 |

## LIABILITIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Wm. Kendall, note dated Jan. 2, 1897, int at 4 1-2 per cent | $1276 39 |
| Balance due on outstanding orders | 64 76 |
| | $1341 15 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Total assets Feb. 15, 1898 | $1732 92 |
| " liabilities " " | 1341 15 |
| Balance in favor of the town | $391 77 |

L. H. PARKER, } Selectmen
G. H. CLARK, } of Benton.

## LIBRARY REPORT.

Trustees have in their care 159 books and case.

Cash in treasury $26 00

WM. KENDALL, Trustee.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Received of town of Benton | $400 00 |
| literary fund | 23 56 |
| dog tax | 24 80 |
| of town of Landaff, for tuition | 16 60 |
| Balance in treasurer's hands, '96 | 14 87 |
| Total receipts | $479 83 |

DIST. No. 5.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid order | |
| No. 1 Mary French, cleaning house | $2 00 |
| 3 Murray Glazier, teaching ten weeks, 2d dist. | 72 80 |
| 4 " " care of school house | 2 00 |
| 8 Flora M. Arnold, teaching ten weeks | 48 50 |
| 10 Lulu Eastman, ten weeks' board | 20 00 |
| 12 Mrs. Ella Mann, cleaning house | 1 00 |
| 16 W. W. Eastman, wood | 8 00 |
| 17 Lillian Small, teaching ten weeks | 55 00 |
| 18 O. L. Mann, ten weeks' board | 22 50 |
| 19 " money paid Warren for tuition | 15 00 |
| 20 Johnnie Cox, building fires | 2 00 |

DIST. No. 6.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. 2 Mary Hutchins, cleaning house | $1 50 |
| 5 J. Ramsey, carrying scholars | 5 00 |
| 6 Edna W. Tyler, teaching nine weeks | 49 50 |
| 7 Mrs. G. Hurlbutt, cleaning house | 75 |
| 8 F. M. Tyler, repairs on house | 38 96 |
| 9 Edna W. Tyler, teaching eleven weeks | 66 00 |
| 11 Edson Hurlbutt, building fires | 75 |
| 13 Leon Tyler, building fires | 1 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No.14 Edna W. Tyler, teaching eight weeks | | $48 00 |
| 15 S. J. Hutchins, wood | | 3 50 |
| Total disbursements | | $463 76 |
| Received per orders | | $18 69 |
| Paid for school supplies | | 18 69 |
| Received for repairs | | 25 00 |
| Paid " | | 25 00 |
| Total amount received | $479 83 | |
| " paid | 463 76 | |
| Cash in treasury | $16 07 | |

F. M. TYLER, Chairman School Board.

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

There have been six terms in the past year, divided as follows: Spring term of ten weeks, in district 5, was taught by Murray Glazier. This was Mr. Glazier's second term in this district, and his work proved very satisfactory.

The fall term was taught by Miss Flora M. Arnold, and we consider Miss Arnold one of the best of teachers.

The winter term was taught by Miss Lillian Small, a teacher of experience, who gave perfect satisfaction.

The entire year of twenty-six weeks, in district 6 was taught by Edna W. Tyler with good results.

F. M. TYLER, } Chairmen of
M. S. NUTTER, } School Board.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

| Date of Birth. | Place of Birth. | Name of Child. | Sex. | Living or Stillb'n. | Color. | Name of Father. | Maiden Name of Mother. | Residence. | Occupation of Father. | Birthplace of Father. | Birthplace of Mother. | Age of Father. | Age of Mother. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 30, '97 | All in | Maud Edna | f | All | | W. I. Fastman | Lula M. Cox | All in | Farmer | Landaff | Benton | 22 | 18 |
| March 19 | Benton | | m | living. | All white. | Frank Shallow | Maggie Meadow | Benton | " | Canada | Canada | 32 | 19 |
| May 17 | | | m | | | B. M. Tyler | Carrie Spinney | | " | Benton | Nova Scotia | 38 | 35 |
| 18 | | | m | | | | Mertie French | | | | Benton | | 20 |
| June 4 | | Sarah | f | | | W. S. Nutter | Minnie S. Mann | | " | Bath | " | 40 | 34 |
| Sep. 15 | | Charles S. | m | | | S. C. Chamberlain | Florence M. Dow | | " | Canada | Thetford, Vt | 33 | 31 |
| 5 | | | m | | | A. C. Delaney | Alice M. Bean | | " | " | Berton | 29 | 29 |
| Dec. 7 | | | f | | | Albee Heath | Mary Howland | | Laborer | Ryding, Vt | Landaff | 39 | 38 |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, J. H. KEYSER, Town Clerk.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

| Date of Marriage. | Place of Marriage. | Name of Groom and Bride. | Res. at Marriage. | Age. | Color. | Occupation. | Birthplace. | Name of Parents. | Occupation. | Cond. single wid. No. mar. | Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom married. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 6, '97 | Bath | Edgar L. Morse | Benton | 38 | White. | Farmer | Lisbon | Welton Morse | Farmer | First | A. H. Drury, Justice, |
| | | Katie H. Buzzell | " | 26 | | Domest. | Benton | D. M. Howe | " | Second | Bath. |
| " 12 | " | Clarence Fifield | " | 23 | | Pap. fin. | Landaff | Charles Fifield | Mill work | First | Albert Smith, Elder. |
| | | Charlena C. Tyler | " | 17 | | Domest. | Benton | F. M. Tyler | Farmer | " | |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, J. H. KEYSER, Town Clerk.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

| Date of Death. | Place of Death. | Name and Surname of Deceased. | Years. | Mos. | Days | Birthplace. | Sin.mar'd or wid. | Occupation. | Name of Father. | Maiden Name of Mother. | Cause of Death. | Name and address of physician reporting death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 30, '97 | Benton | Hannah Torsey | 73 | 5 | 13 | Franconia | Widow | House keep. | Solomon Jesseman | Hannah Cooley | Old age | I. N. Eastman, Woodsville |
| Aug. 20 | " | Carrie S. Tyler | 37 | 8 | 20 | Nova Scotia | Married | " | Henry Spinney | Margaret Walker | Consumption | Geo. E. Davenport, Bath |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, J. H. KEYSER, Town Clerk.

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